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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. COMMITTEE FOR SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION WITH THE PRC
(CONFIDENTIAL)

IN PREPARATION FOR A JUNE VISIT TO THE PRC BY THE CSC
BOARD MEMBERS, CSC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARY BULLOCK AND
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PRESIDENT PHILIP HANDLER (WHO
WILL HEAD THE DELEGATION) LUNCHEDED WITH AMBASSADOR HUANG
CHEN MAY 4. DESPITE OUR OBJECTIONS, DR. HANDLER PROVIDED
THE AMBASSADOR WITH A LETTER OUTLINING AN OVERLY-AMBITIOUS
PROPOSAL FOR 1978-79 EXCHANGES WITH THE PRC. THERE ARE TWO
ISSUES INVOLVED: FIRST, CSC DID NOT CONSULT WITH US ADE-
QUATELY PRIOR TO DECIDING TO PROVIDE HUANG WITH THE LETTER
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AND, SECONDLY, THE OVERLY-AMBITIOUS PROPOSALS INVITE A PRC
TURNDOWN WHILE A MORE MODEST ATTEMPT AT EXPANSION WOULD
HAVE HAD GREATER CHANCE OF SUCCESS. WE ARE WORKING WITH
CU IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENCOURAGE CSC, WHEN THE HANDLER DELEGA-
TION IS IN PEKING NEXT MONTH, TO PULL SOMEWHAT BACK FROM
THE INITIAL PROPOSALS.

2. NEW NATIONAL COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT (LIMITED
OFFICIAL USE)

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE, AFTER SOME
SEARCHING (THREE CANDIDATES REPORTEDLY TURNED DOWN JOB
OFFERS), HAS SELECTED A REPLACEMENT FOR CURRENT VICE
PRESIDENT MEL SEARLS, WHO WILL RETURN TO EXXON IN JULY.
THE NEW VICE PRESIDENT IS STANLEY YOUNG, CURRENTLY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN HONG KONG.

3. PRM 24 PART III (SECRET)

THE FIRST-STAGE PARTIAL DRAFTS OF PRM 24 PART III
(TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER) HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. PM IS CHAIR-
ING AN INTERAGENCY MEETING TO DISCUSS THEM MAY 6. AN
INTERAGENCY GROUP WILL THEN BEGIN WORK ON A UNIFIED
DRAFT. FIRST DRAFTS OF PRM 24 PART I WILL BE COMPLETED
THIS WEEKEND.

4. PRCLO ACTIVITY (UNCLASSIFIED)

PRCLO COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CHANG TSIEN-HUA AND THREE
SUBORDINATES VISITED ARMCO STEEL COMPANY FACILITIES IN
HOUSTON AND GAINSVILLE, TEXAS AND IN MIDDLETOWN, OHIO
MAY 1-3. THE GROUP TRAVELED ON ARMCO PRIVATE AIRCRAFT.

PRCLO CONSULAR OFFICER CHI LI-TE AND CHANG CHIH-HSIANG,
WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM, ARE RETURNING
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TO THE PRC MAY 7. CHI WILL BE RETURNING TO PRCLO AFTER
HOME LEAVE BUT CHANG AND HIS WIFE HAVE COMPLETED THEIR
ASSIGNMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

5. SENATOR SPARKMAN REQUEST FOR NIXON MEMCON (LIMITED
OFFICIAL USE)

WE HAVE ACTION ON A LETTER FROM SFRC CHAIRMAN SPARKMAN
ASKING THE SECRETARY TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE ALLEGED
MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION--"IF IT EXISTS"--REGARDING A
NIXON "PROMISE" TO CHOU EN-LAI TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS
DURING HIS SECOND TERM.
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